

First Presbyterian Church

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Who is First Presbyterian Church?

We belong to the family of the Redeemed.
Transformed by the grace of Jesus' life, death, and resurrection,
we are delighting in the supremacy of God in all things
as we reach up to Him in worship,
reach in to one another with biblical teaching and shepherding care,
and reach out to the world with Christ.

*So that in everything He might be preeminent.
Colossians 1:18*

Order of Worship

*Please stand if you are able.

Bold text indicates congregational response.

Welcome and Announcements

Preparation for Worship

How sweet the name of Jesus sounds in a believer's ear!
It soothes his sorrows, heals his wounds, and drives away his fear.
Dear Name! the Rock on which I build, my shield and hiding place,
My never failing treasury filled with boundless stores of grace.
O Jesus, shepherd, guardian, friend, my Prophet, Priest, and King,
My Lord, my Life, my Way, my End, accept the praise I bring.

John Newton

Call to Worship

Psalm 100

- Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth!
- ² Serve the LORD with gladness!
Come into his presence with singing!
- ³ Know that the LORD, he is God!
It is he who made us, and we are his;
we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.
- ⁴ Enter his gates with thanksgiving,
and his courts with praise!
Give thanks to him; bless his name!
- ⁵ For the LORD is good;
his steadfast love endures forever,
and his faithfulness to all generations.

Prayer of Adoration

*Hymn of Praise

All People That on Earth Do Dwell

#1

All people that on earth do dwell, sing to the Lord with cheerful voice;
Him serve with fear, his praise forth tell, come ye before him and rejoice.

The Lord ye know is God indeed; without our aid he did us make;
We are his folk, he doth us feed, and for his sheep he doth us take.

O enter then his gates with praise, approach with joy his courts unto;
Praise, laud, and bless his name always, for it is seemly so to do.

For why? The Lord our God is good, his mercy is forever sure;
His truth at all times firmly stood, and shall from age to age endure.

*Hymn of Praise

I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord

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I love thy kingdom, Lord, the house of thine abode,
The church our blest Redeemer saved with his own precious blood.

I love thy church, O God: her walls before thee stand,
Dear as the apple of thine eye, and graven on thy hand.

For her my tears shall fall, for her my prayers ascend;
To her my cares and toils be giv'n, till toils and cares shall end.

Beyond my highest joy I prize her heav'nly ways,
Her sweet communion, solemn vows, her hymns of love and praise.

Jesus thou Friend divine, our Savior and our King,
Thy hand from ev'ry snare and foe shall great deliv'rance bring.

Sure as thy truth shall last, to Zion shall be giv'n
The brightest glories earth can yield, and brighter bliss of heav'n.

Now the apostles and the brothers who were throughout Judea heard that the Gentiles also had received the word of God. ² So when Peter went up to Jerusalem, the circumcision party criticized him, saying, ³ “You went to uncircumcised men and ate with them.” ⁴ But Peter began and explained it to them in order: ⁵ “I was in the city of Joppa praying, and in a trance I saw a vision, something like a great sheet descending, being let down from heaven by its four corners, and it came down to me. ⁶ Looking at it closely, I observed animals and beasts of prey and reptiles and birds of the air. ⁷ And I heard a voice saying to me, ‘Rise, Peter; kill and eat.’ ⁸ But I said, ‘By no means, Lord; for nothing common or unclean has ever entered my mouth.’ ⁹ But the voice answered a second time from heaven, ‘What God has made clean, do not call common.’ ¹⁰ This happened three times, and all was drawn up again into heaven.

¹¹ And behold, at that very moment three men arrived at the house in which we were, sent to me from Caesarea. ¹² And the Spirit told me to go with them, making no distinction. These six brothers also accompanied me, and we entered the man's house. ¹³ And he told us how he had seen the angel stand in his house and say, ‘Send to Joppa and bring Simon who is called Peter; ¹⁴ he will declare to you a message by which you will be saved, you and all your household.’ ¹⁵ As I began to speak, the Holy Spirit fell on them just as on us at the beginning. ¹⁶ And I remembered the word of the Lord, how he said, ‘John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.’ ¹⁷ If then God gave the same gift to them as he gave to us when we believed in the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I that I could stand in God's way?” ¹⁸ When they heard these things they fell silent. And they glorified God, saying, “Then to the Gentiles also God has granted repentance that leads to life.”

Profession of Faith

Westminster Shorter Catechism

Q. 86. What is faith in Jesus Christ?

Faith in Jesus Christ is a saving grace, whereby we receive and rest upon him alone for salvation, as he is offered to us in the gospel.

Q. 87. What is repentance unto life?

Repentance unto life is a saving grace, whereby a sinner, out of a true sense of his sin, and apprehension of the mercy of God in Christ, doth, with grief and hatred of his sin, turn from it unto God, with full purpose of, and endeavor after, new obedience.

Song of Response

O praise the Father, praise the Son, The Lamb for sinners given,
And Holy Spirit, through whom alone our hearts are raised to Heaven.

Pastoral Prayer of Confession and Intercession

*Assurance of Pardon

Philippians 3:8-12

Indeed, I count everything as loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things and count them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ ⁹ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but that which comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God that depends on faith— ¹⁰ that I may know him and the power of his resurrection, and may share his sufferings, becoming like him in his death, ¹¹ that by any means possible I may attain the resurrection from the dead.

¹² Not that I have already obtained this or am already perfect, but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own.

To all who have received the Gospel,
know that in Christ, your sins are forgiven and be at peace.

*Song of Rejoicing

Come Behold the Wondrous Mystery

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Come behold the wondrous myst'ry in the dawning of the King.
He, the theme of heaven's praises, robed in frail humanity.
In our longing, in our darkness, now the light of life has come!
Look to Christ who condescended, took on flesh to ransom us.

Come behold the wondrous myst'ry: He the perfect Son of Man,
In His living, in His suff'ring, never trace nor stain of sin.
See the true and better Adam, come to save the hell-bound man,
Christ the great and sure fulfillment of the law in Him we stand.

Come behold the wondrous myst'ry: Christ the Lord upon the tree.
In the stead of ruined sinners hangs the Lamb in victory!
See the price of our redemption, see the Father's plan unfold,
Bringing many sons to glory: grace unmeasured, love untold!

Come behold the wondrous myst'ry: slain by death, the God of life.
But no grave could e'er restrain Him. Praise the Lord! He is alive!
What a foretaste of deliv'rance! How unwavering our hope!
Christ in power resurrected, as we will be when He comes.

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*Prayer of Thanksgiving

Sermon

Sean Morris

*Song of Response

Jesus With Thy Church Abide

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Jesus, with thy church abide;
Be her Savior, Lord, and Guide,
While on earth her faith is tried:

We beseech thee, hear us.
We beseech thee, hear us.

Keep her life and doctrine pure;
Grant her patience to endure,
Trusting in thy promise sure: (Chorus)

May she one in doctrine be,
One in truth and charity,
Winning all to faith in thee: (Chorus)

May she guide the poor and blind,
Seek the lost until she find,
And the broken-hearted bind: (Chorus)

May she holy triumphs win,
Overthrow the hosts of sin,
Gather all the nations in: (Chorus)

*Benediction

from Psalm 90:13-17

Because of the Lord's great compassion,
may you be satisfied with his unfailing love and sing for joy in all your days,
even days with great trouble. May you remember the great deeds of the Lord,
and may his favor rest upon you, establishing the work of your hands
as you labor for the splendor of his name. Amen.

Sermon Notes:

Come Behold the Wondrous Mystery



1. Come be-hold the won-drous mys-t'ry in the dawn-ing of the
2. Come be-hold the won-drous mys-t'ry: He the per-fect Son of
3. Come be-hold the won-drous mys-t'ry: Christ the Lord up-on the
4. Come be-hold the won-drous mys-t'ry: slain by death, the God of



King. He, the theme of heav-en's prais-es, robed in
Man, in His liv-ing, in His suff'-ring, ne-ver
tree. In the stead of ru-ined sin-ners hangs the
life. But no grave could e'er re-strain Him; praise the



frail hu-man-i-ty. In Our long-ing, in our
trace nor stain of sin. See the true and bet-ter
Lamb in vic-to-ry! See the price of our re-
Lord! He is a-live! What a fore-taste of de-



dark-ness, now the light of life has come! Look to
A-dam, come to save the hell-bound man, Christ the
demp-tion, see the Fa-ther's plan un-fold, bring-ing
-liv'-rance! How un-wav-er-ing our hope! Christ in



Christ who con-de-scend-ed, took on flesh to ran-som us.
great and sure full-fill-ment of the law in Him we-stand.
ma-ny sons to glo-ry: grace un-measured, love un-told!
po-wer re-sur-rect-ed, as we will be when He comes.

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Jesus With Thy Church Abide

Thomas Pollock

Christopher Pollock



1. Je - sus with thy__ church a - bide;

2. Keep her life and__ doc - trine_ pure;

3. May she one in__ doc - trine_ be,

4. May she guide the__ poor and__ blind,

5. May she ho - ly__ tri - umphs win,



Be her Sav - ior,__ Lord, and__ Guide,

Grant her pa - tience to en - dure,

One in truth and__ char - i - ty,

Seek the lost un - til she__ find

Ov - er-throw the__ host of__ sin,



While on earth her__ faith_ is__ tried:

Trust-ing in Thy__ prom - ise__ sure:

Win-ning all to__ faith_ in__ Thee:

And the bro - ken - heart - ed__ bind:

Ga - ther all the__ na - tions in:



We be - seech_ Thee, hear us,



We be - seech Thee, hear us.

1997 Christopher Minor Music

News and Announcements

There will not be a Sunday Service tonight.

Mark your calendars for a joint service, **September 29, 5:30 p.m.** at FPC. A signup sheet for refreshments is in the hallway.

Mark your calendars for a fellowship lunch on Sunday, **October 20.** A signup sheet will be coming shortly.

Young people, ages 12-18, are invited to join one another at the home of Richard and Judy Parks for a time of recreation, food, and Bible study tonight, **September 22, 5:30 to 7:30 p.m.**

First Catechism (for children of all ages)

Weeks 1-5 God

Weeks 6-12 Creation

Weeks 13-19 Fall/Sin

Weeks 20-28 Salvation by grace alone, through Christ alone

Weeks 29-30 Repentance and Faith

Weeks 31-48 Growing in Grace

Weeks 49-52 Heaven now and in the future

Week 3, September 15

In how many Persons does this one God exist?

In three Persons.

Name these three Persons.

The Father, the Son, the Holy Spirit.

Week 4, September 22

Where is God?

God is everywhere.

Can you see God?

No, I cannot see God but he always sees me.

Schedule

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| Sunday Morning Worship Service | 10:45 a.m. |
| Sunday Morning Bible Study (all ages) | 9:30 a.m. |
| Sunday Evening Study | 6:00 p.m. |
| Women's Monday Theology Study | 2:00 p.m. |
| Men's Thursday Bible Study | 9:00 a.m. |
| Octogenarian/Nonagenarian (ON) Lunch | Monthly |
| Women's Tuesday Bible Study | 9:30 a.m. |

Giving

General Fund

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| 2024 week 9/8 | \$ 2,840 |
| Giving YTD | \$ 458,645 |
| YTD Budget | \$ 256,189 |

Deacon's Fund

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| 2024 YTD Giving | \$ 6,260 |
| 2023 Rollover | \$ 4,841 |
| 2024 Disbursements | \$ 2,616 |

Our Missionary Family

International

Lydia Goeglein, MTW Sofia Bulgaria
Brian & Becky Schrader, Pioneers in Africa
Lee Leadbetter, RUF International at UT
Julian & Rachel Bacon, MTW Brussels

Local

Christ Church Presbyterian in Powell
Plateau Pregnancy Services
Good Samaritans, 10th Street
RUF Tennessee Tech, Ryan Angel

Session

Andy Aikens TE, Senior Pastor
Robert Berman, RE '27
Bobby Duck RE '25
Jim Sparks RE '26
Forrest Marion RE, Clerk, '26

Deacons

Dave Miser, Chair '25
Greg Wood '24
Vince Grilley '26
John Reed '26

Staff

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| Assistant Pastor | Dick Gillen TE |
| Music Director | Matt Bundy |
| Finance/Admin | Holly Kisly |

Security Team

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| Today | Christian Ragle |
| Next Week | Richard Parks |

Ministry Support

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| Treasurer | Bill Allbright |
| Newsletter | Darlene Gendjar |
| Technology Specialists | Matt Bundy, Jeff Nichols, Tom Buettner, Levi Powell, Val Wyson |
| Accompanists | Matt Bundy, Robert Berman, Scott Hewitt, Isabelle Aikens |
| Sanctuary Flowers | Sherry Hewitt |

Greeters

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| Today | David & Karen Phillips |
| Next Week | Greg & Lory Wood |

Nursery

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| Today | Holly Kisly Reba Norris |
| Next Week | April Marion Keely Ragle |